

DOMESTIC RELATIONS MEDIATOR APPLICATION

To be eligible to serve as a domestic relations mediator, you must meet the following minimum qualifications:

- You must have completed a training program approved by the State Court Administrator.
- You must either: a) be a licensed attorney, a licensed or limited licensed psychologist, a licensed professional counselor, or a licensed marriage and family therapist; b) have a masters degree in counseling, social work, or marriage and family therapy; c) have a graduate degree in a behavioral science; or d) have 5 years experience in family counseling.
- You must have observed two domestic relations mediation proceedings conducted by an approved mediator, and have conducted one domestic relations mediation to conclusion under the supervision and observation of an approved mediator.

Refer to the Interim Mediation Training Standards and Procedures for further information about minimum qualifications.

An applicant who has specialized experience or training but does not meet the specific requirements above may apply to the ADR clerk for special approval. Service as a case evaluator under MCR 2.403 does not constitute a qualification for serving as a mediator.

Please type or print neatly.

1. Full name (first, middle initial, last)		2. Bar no. P
3. Address where you can be contacted		4. Telephone no.
5. Other address (if different from above address)		6. E-mail address
7. Current employer's name		8. Number of years with employer
9. Previous employer's name		10. Number of years with employer
11. Fax no.	12. Date admitted to State Bar (if applicable)	13. Years in practice (if applicable)

Part A: General Information

14. Is this a ☐ new application? ☐ renewal?
15. Are you currently a member in good standing of the State Bar of Michigan? (attorneys only) ☐ Yes ☐ No
16. Have you ever been disciplined by the Michigan Attorney Discipline Board or any other state or federal agency or court? If yes, explain. Complete on separate pages if needed. ☐ Yes ☐ No

Part B: Domestic Relations Mediator Qualifications (Complete either item 17, item 18, or item 19 as appropriate)

17. Qualification through State Court Administrative Office (SCAO) Approved Training

- a. Qualification through SCAO Approved training completed on _____ .
Date

Trainer: _____

- b. ☐ Licensed in appropriate field. Specify
- ☐ Master or graduate degree in appropriate field. Specify
- ☐ 5 years experience in family counseling. Detail below.

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Part B: Domestic Relations Mediator Qualifications (continued)

17. c. Observed two domestic relations mediation proceedings. Specify dates and mediator names.

- d. Conducted one domestic relations mediation to conclusion. Specify date and name of mediator serving as supervisor.

e. Completed a 4-hour domestic violence program approved by the SCAO on _____.
Date

18. Qualification by Comparable Training and Experience; Academy of Family Mediators (AFM) Note: To qualify under this section, applicants must submit an application by December 31, 2002.

- a. Qualification through Academy of Family Mediators approved training on _____
Date
at _____.

Trainer: _____

- b. ☐ Licensed in appropriate field. Specify
☐ Master or graduate degree in appropriate field. Specify
☐ 5 years experience in family counseling. Detail below.

- ☐ c. Requesting waiver of degree requirements: Completed 80 hours or 20 cases in domestic relations mediation. Detail below.

- d. Completed 40 hours or 10 domestic relations cases in the two years prior to this application. Detail below.

- e. Completed a 4-hour domestic violence program approved by the SCAO on _____.
Date

Trainer: _____

- ☐ f. AFM training conducted outside Michigan: Completed a 4-hour program outlining the basic laws, rules, and guidelines governing domestic relations actions in the Michigan court system on _____
Date
at _____.

Trainer: _____

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Part B: Domestic Relations Mediator Qualifications (continued)

19. Qualification by Comparable Training and Experience; Other Training and Experience **Note:** To qualify under this section, applicants must submit an application by December 31, 2002.

- a. Completed a training course of at least 24 hours including participation in mediation and at least 25% role play. Attached are: 1) a certificate of completed training; 2) a copy of the training agenda; 3) the name of the trainer; 4) the date of the training; and 5) the dates of attendance.

Training included the following core elements: Check appropriate boxes

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| <input type="checkbox"/> experience of divorce for adults and children | <input type="checkbox"/> family law and family economics |
| <input type="checkbox"/> information gathering skills and knowledge | <input type="checkbox"/> relationship skills and knowledge |
| <input type="checkbox"/> communication skills and knowledge | <input type="checkbox"/> problem-solving skills and knowledge |
| <input type="checkbox"/> professional skills and knowledge | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> mediation, negotiation, and conflict management theory and skills | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ethical decision-making and values skills and knowledge | |

- ☐ Completed training more than two years prior to this application. Participated in continuing mediator education programs equivalent to at least 4 hours per year for each of the past two years. Detail below.

- b. ☐ Licensed in appropriate field. Specify _____
- ☐ Master or graduate degree in appropriate field. Specify _____
- ☐ 5 years experience in family counseling. Detail below.

- ☐ c. Requesting waiver of degree requirements: Completed 80 hours or 20 cases in domestic relations mediation. Detail below.

- d. Completed 40 hours or 10 domestic relations cases in the two years prior to this application. Detail below.

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Part B: Domestic Relations Mediator Qualifications (continued)

19. e. Completed a 4-hour domestic violence program approved by the SCAO on _____ .
Date

Trainer: _____

☐ f. Training conducted outside Michigan: Completed a 4-hour program outlining the basic laws, rules, and guidelines governing domestic relations actions in the Michigan court system on _____
Date

at _____ .

Trainer: _____

CERTIFICATION

I certify that I: a) meet the requirements for service under the court's mediator selection plan; b) will not discriminate against parties or attorneys on the basis of race, ethnic origin, gender, or other protected personal characteristic; and c) will comply with the court's ADR plan, orders of the court regarding cases submitted to mediation, and the standards of conduct adopted by the State Court Administrator. My hourly fee is \$ _____.

Date

Signature

Part C: Gender and Race Information

Providing the following information is optional. It is requested in accordance with MCR 3.216(F)(1)(c) will be maintained separately from your application.

Full name (first, middle initial, last) (print or type)	Bar no. P
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Check the boxes that apply to you.

Gender:

- ☐ Female ☐ Male

Race/Ethnicity:

- ☐ American Indian or Alaskan Native
- ☐ Asian or Pacific Islander
- ☐ Black/African American (non-Hispanic)
- ☐ Hispanic
- ☐ White/Caucasian (non-Hispanic)
- ☐ Other (specify): _____